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SUBJ: PERUVIAN COUNTERMEASURES AGAINST CERRO

1. SUMMARY. CERRO UNDERSTANDS PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ALLOW CERRO DE PASCO TOP MANAGEMENT TO LEAVE PERU. CERRO REQUESTS EMBASSY TRY TO ENSURE FREEDOM OF TRAVEL FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. END SUMMARY.

2. WALSH OF CERRO INFORMED DESK SEPTEMBER 29 THAT PERUVIAN BANK OFFICIAL TOLD CERRO DE PASCO OFFICIAL ON SEPTEMBER 28 THAT TOP MANAGEMENT OF CERRO DE PASCO WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE PERU. WALSH SPOKE TO PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR MORNING SEPTEMBER 29 JUST PRIOR LATTER'S RETURN TO LIMA TO ESTABLISH MODALITIES FOR CONTINUED OPERATION OF CERRO. WALSH ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF TRAVEL FOR CERRO DE PASCO TOP MANAGEMENT AND FONMIN WAS NOT RPT NOT ENCOU-RAGING. WALSH ARGUED THAT CERRO DE PASCO OFFICIALS HAD NO-THING TO DO WITH MURPHY PRESS RELEASE OF SEPTEMBER 24. DE LA FLOR REPLIED THAT PERUVIANS DID NOT MAKE THIS DISTINCT-CONFIDENTIAL

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ION. CERRO DE PASCO OFFICIALS, HE SAID, ARE ALSO A PART OF

THE CERRO ENTERPRISE. HOWEVER, DE LA FLOR PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND ASKED WALSH FOR NAME SPECIFIC EMPLOYEE WHICH CERRO NEEDED IN NEW YORK FOR CONSULTATION. DE LA FLOR SEEMED SURPRISED TO LEARN THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A BRITISH SUBJECT. WALSH ALSO ASKED WHETHER CERRO COULD RENEW

NEGOTIATIONS WITH PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT. DE LA FLOR'S REACTION WAS THAT PERHAPS CERRO PROBLEMS SHOULD BETTER BE LEFT TO GREENE. HE DID NOT COMPLETELY FORECLOSE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, BUT STATED CERRO APOLOGY WOULD BE A PREREQUISITE. WALSH ASSUMES THIS MEANS PUBLIC APOLOGY WHICH HE DOES NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE MURPHY WILLING TO GIVE.

3. WALSH ASKED THAT EMBASSY SEEK TO ASSURE FREEDOM OF TRAVEL FOR FOLLOWING SIX MEMBERS OF CERRO DE PASCO MANAGEMENT: HECKLE(UK), LLOSA(PERU), ALAYZA(PERU), DOWD (ARGENTINA), ALLEN(CANADA) AND KURYLA(US). KURYLA DUE DEPART ON VACATION EVENING SEPTEMBER 29. WALSH SUGGESTED EMBASSY TALK TO LLOSA ABOUT THIS.

4. DESK HAS ALSO LEARNED FROM EXTREMELY RELIABLE SOURCE THAT MINEROPERU IS CONSIDERING SUING CERRO IN THE UNITED STATES TO RECOVER THE DOLS 16 MILLION IN REMMITTANCES WHICH, ACCORDING PERUVIANS, CERRO WITHHOLDING ILLEGALLY FROM PERU. FOREGOING INFORMATION SHOULD BE CLOSELY HELD. IF PERUVIANS LEARN WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION, VALUABLE SOURCE VERY LIKELY COMPROMISED. KISSINGER

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